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DEC. 24, 2020 CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS 8:00 PM

*All music tonight is provided through the grace, and gifts of
Thomas Kurtz - - Thank you Thomas!*

Order of Worship Entrance

Prelude - - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Greeting

Music - - "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

***Call to Worship and Bidding Prayer**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Eve it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels,

People: *and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.*

Pastor: Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin

People: *until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.*

Pastor: But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people;

People: *for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples. Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved;

People: *the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light,

People: *that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. Lord, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us,

ALL: *Our Father, who art in heaven...*

Music - - "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Proclamation of the Word - - Lessons and Carols

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces Adam and Eve's punishment for their sin...

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" The 1st Advent Candle

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendents all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing...

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" The 2nd Advent Candle

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness...

"The First Noel" The 3rd Advent Candle

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice and peace...

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" The 4th Advent Candle

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel, Gabriel, announces to the virgin, Mary, that she will give birth to God's promised Son whose kingdom shall never end...

"What Child is This"

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7
Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is BORN!
Christmas Eve Advent Reading Verna Lawson
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” The Christ Candle

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger...
“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11
The wise men follow a star to find the child, Jesus, the King of the Jews...
“We Three Kings”

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14
John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation...
*“Silent Night”

Please leave your glow sticks and candles ON for the remainder of the service and for your return home. Show Christ’s light and love beyond our walls.

Response to the Word and Thanksgiving

***Music** - - “Joy to the World”

***Christmas Collect** - - *a prayer of praise, thanksgiving, and petition.*

Sending Forth

***Benediction/Blessing**

***Postlude** - - “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

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